

REMARKS

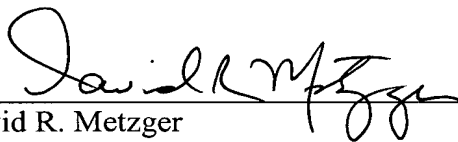
Claims 1-27 were pending and under consideration. Claims 28-31 were withdrawn.

In the Office Action of 12/1/03, Claims 1-27 were deemed allowable. Minor informalities in claims 1 and 26 and the Title were noted.

In this amendment, the informalities have been corrected. Further, withdrawn Claims 28-31 have been cancelled. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application now is condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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